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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF FLAK VESTS FOR BORDER PATROL POLICE

REFS: (A) STATE 018258; (B) BANGKOK 34794

1. PER REFERENCE A, WE HAVE ASKED BPP REGION III COMMANDER, GENERAL WICHAJ WHAT TYPE OF FLAK VEST HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE. WICHAJ RESPONDED THAT HIS PREFERENCE WAS THE FLAK VEST MANUFACTURED BY THE BRISTOL COMPOSITE MATERIALS ENGINEERING, LIMITED OF AVONMOUTH-BRISTOL, ENGLAND. THE MODEL REQUESTED IS GRADE 86 MEDIUM WHICH ACCORDING TO BROCHURE THE GENERAL GAVE US WILL PROVIDE PERSONNEL PROTECTION FROM KALISHNIKOV AK 47, 5.56 MM M16 A1 RIFLE, .303 LEE ENFIELD (BALL, OR 7.62 MN FN FAL RIFLE (BALL).

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CHANCE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY BRITISH MANUFACTURED
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FLAK VESTS. HOWEVER, MAIN CONCERN OF BORDER PATROL POLICE IS PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THEIR PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN UPCOUNTRY REFINERY SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS WHERE THE OPPOSITION IS KNOWN TO BE ARMED WITH MODERN M16 RIFLES. WICHAJ WILL GLADLY ACCEPT ANY BODY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE WHICH CAPABLE OF STOPPING M 16 ROUND, I.E. A US MANUFACTURED FLAK VEST WITH SAME GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

AS THE BRITISH MODEL.

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